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Sir

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2006. Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.